



Sundarbans

World Heritage Site



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WELCOME

TO THE LARGEST MANGROVE FOREST IN THE
WORLD

The Sundarbans, one of the most attractive places in Bangladesh, is the largest mangrove forest in the world. Visitors feel great enthusiasm and fascination to come to this nature's bounties of exceptional character. The forest is a World Heritage Site for its extra-ordinary vegetation and diverse ecological balance. No other tidal forests can match it in terms of diversity. Wonderful flora and fauna, divergent wildlife, paramount beauty of green canopy, thousands of meandering streams, rivers, creeks made this forest one of the great eco-tourism attractions.

The forest is famous as the primitive abode of the Royal Bengal Tiger, the strongest, and most beautiful wild animal of the world.



LIFE IN THE SUNDARBANS

The life and livelihood of the people in the forest is a big attraction to visit the Sundarbans. Life there is challenging and livelihood fully dependent on nature. They are difficult and different from other parts of the country. Farming and fishing are two main occupations. But then there is problem of soil erosion and salinity. Fishing is done using naive tools and techniques. People have accepted the challenges posed by nature and have learned to live with it. They go deep into the forest to cut wood and collect honey. The innovative honey collection process, catching fish with traditional traps may enthrall your feelings with surprising. Entering into the deep forest and fishing in canals are dangerous. People may be attacked and killed by tigers and crocodiles. It is not uncommon to find a man who was attacked and returned with life by dint of his luck.





Habitat of the Royal
Bengal

Tiger

The Sundarbans is the natural habitat of the Royal Bengal Tiger. It looks graceful and is the largest and most powerful sub species of the cat family. They constitute half of the wild tigers. They can swim, climb trees and can weight up to 420 pounds. When food is scarce, they come to locality in search of food. They eat human flesh. They are very strong and able to eat 30-40 kg of meat in a meal. Among meat eating mammal Bengal Tiger has the longest canine. The Royal Bengal Tiger is a highly endanger animal. They have a very mighty roar that scares people and other animals.



Flora & Fauna

The sundarbans is home for 334 species of trees, shrubs and epiphytes. It harbors 269 species of wild animals, 35 species of reptiles and 270 species of birds. Fauna include Royal Bengal Tiger, spotted deer, monkeys, crocodiles, jungle fowl, wild boars, lizards, otters, dolphins, king cobras, dog-faced water snakes, white-lipped pit vipers, green vine snakes, sea turtles etc. Approximate number of deer is 30,000. In addition to common birds, 9 species of kingfishers and 11 species of woodpeckers can be seen.

Cruising in the creeks by country boats at deep of the forest will mesmerize you with the spectacular beauty of the natural settings and curious looks of animals. At the Tiger Point, lucky one can have an unforgettable lifetime experience, looking the Royal Bengal Tiger walking in front of him.



SPECIAL ATTRACTI0NS

Wildlife photography, wildlife viewing, research and overnight stay in the jungle are the fabulous things to do in this wonderful forest. Anyone who can find oneself with the serenity and tranquility of nature should not miss the opportunity to visit this spectacular place.





INDULGE YOURSELF TO
NATURE



- **Karamjal:** Karamjal is the gateway to enter the Sundarbans after obtaining permission from the local forest station. To view the most precious species of wildlife, thousands of visitors make their way to Karamjal, a Forest Rangers station, deep in the forest that also serves as a deer-breeding center.
- **Hiron Point (Nilkamal):** Hiron Point is one of the attractive tourist spots in the Sundarbans which is famous for wildlife viewing and natural beauty. The place is also famous for tigers, deer, monkeys, crocodiles and many precious birds. Visitors can get a comfortable stay in the three-storied rest house of Mongla Port Authority with prior booking.
- **Katka Beach:** Katka is a beautiful beach that lies in the lap of the Bay of Bengal. This place is famous for jungle trekking, wildlife viewing from tiger to deer and other wildlife. There is a watch tower near Katka beach for wildlife viewing.



FIND YOUR SOUL IN HARMONY OF NATURE

• Kachikhali (Tiger Point)

Kachikhali is one of the attractive places of the Sundarbans under Sharankhola Forest range. It is about 11-12 hours journey through river from Khulna to Kachikhali. The place, also known as Tiger Point, is famous for viewing of the Royal Bengal Tiger. Besides, spotted deer, monkeys and crocodiles as well as different species of birds are abundant in this area. It is an isolated sea beach, which is also a good place for playing games.

• Tin Kona Island

Tin Kona Island, literally means three cornered Island, is another popular spot of wildlife, such as, deer and tigers.



Shibsha Ruins: It is situated at the eastern bank of the Shibsha River and is about 25 km. away from Nalian Range office. There are two sites of the 16th century ruins, situated apart two kilometers. The Shekhertek temple and Barobari ruins are worth visiting.

Mandarbaria: This is a wildlife sanctuary situated on the western bank of the Malancha River. The place is reported often infested with tigers. Luck favoring, the visitors can have a glimpse of the Royal animal. Walking through the jungle and the beach is enjoyable. There are some small creeks on the western side of the island, where boating is fantastic.

Dublar Char: It is a beautiful Island where herds of spotted deer are often seen to graze. Every year on November at the time of full moon, 'Rash Mela', a religious festival takes place. Many visitors plan their trips to match this festival held near the forest.

Bon Bibi Mela: The followers of Bonbibi, a local Goddess, colorfully decorate her statue once a year and make a grand celebration with music, theater shows and carnivals.